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West Park N.Y.

Sept 3<sup>rd</sup> 1869

Dear John Muir,

I suppose you are back home long ere this from your Campfire trip to your beloved mountains. I hope you had a good time. Would I could have made it with you - hope I may sometime - if not in the California Sierras then in the Sierras of Paradise. I have been in fine health since my return, but rather idle & disconsolated.

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Such a trip to such lands & people as we saw & met - rather takes the taste out of ones mouth for the home country & people. I suspect it will be several months yet before I can again feel at ease in my old shoes. I have not the little Doctor to write my letters for me & spur me up, & that is a great loss. My hand is stiff & I write with difficulty. Oh I should have written you before & tried to thank you for all your kindness to us. You contributed greatly to the success of our trip, & I know the "fun" you had out of

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me was a very inadequate return. But we shall treasure it all in our hearts & associate you with some of the great moments of our lives. The Editor is bent on writing the trip up in a series of letters, but I am discouraging him, because I fear she will not take time enough to do it well. She is too eager to get into print. She is a fine spirit, but precipitate & rash, & has not yet learned to mark our her stuff as you & I do. I have sent off my paper on the Grand Canyon to the Century

I have nearly finished a short sketch of Yosemite. Don't wrinkle your nose now, I am only trying to give my readers the impression these grand scenes made upon me. I have at least one advantage over you in the matter; these scenes have become almost common place to you, while we saw them with fresh wondering eyes. If the Century uses my sketches they may want some pictures of you & me. I trust you have no objections. Those that Clatsworthy took of me



That Sunday in Yosemite,  
 are good, I suppose we  
 sent you some, I have  
 three. Are you making  
 headway with your writing?  
 I hope so. The world  
 wants all that harvest-  
 of yours, threshed out &  
 & made up into crisp  
 sweep-loaves, such as  
 you know how to  
 make.

I salute you in love  
 & comradeship.

John Burroughs